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(54) Title: SPACER MOIETY FOR POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) -MODIFIED PEPTIDES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a compound comprising a peptide moiety, a spacer moiety and a water-soluble polymer moiety such as a poly(ethylene glycol) moiety. The spacer moiety is between the peptide moiety and the water-soluble polymer moiety. The spacer moiety has the structure: $-NH-(CH_2)_{\sigma}-[O-(CH_2)_{\beta}]_{\gamma}-O_{\delta}-(CH_2)_{\epsilon}-Y$ - wherein α , β , γ , δ , and ϵ are each integers whose values are independently selected.

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As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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The specific specific peptide sequences disclosed in the examples of the present application have, according to PCT Rule 13ter.1.c, not been searched since the Sequence Listing as present in the description does not comply with WIPO Standard ST 25 prescribed in the administrative instructions under Rule 5.2. The Sequence Listing has been furnished neither in paper form nor in machine readable form as provided for in the same instructions and the applicant has not remedied the disclosed deficiencies within the time limit fixed in the invitation pursuant to PCT Rule 13ter.1.a.

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Invention 1: 1,2,5-17, 20-30, 33-36 (all partial), and 31 and 32 (complete)

A conjugate comprising a peptide, a spacer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the spacer moiety is of formula: -NH-(CH2)n-Y. (hence, both .gamma. and .delta. are equal to o).

Invention 2: claims 1,2,5-17 and 20-30, 33-36 (all partial), and claims 2-4 and 17-19 (complete)

A conjugate comprising a peptide, a spacer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the spacer moiety is of the formula: -NH-(CH2)a-'0-(CH2)b!g-Od-(CH2)e-Y, wherein at least one of .gamma. or .delta. is larger then, or equal to, 1, thus forming a spacer having at least one -0-.

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